

SOLONS TO ACT ON HILO ELECTRIC FIRE INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION

Court Decision Since Last Session Establishes Right of Legislative Regulation, It Is Said

The question of regulation of fire insurance rates in the islands by the territorial government is certain to be undertaken by the legislature. Legislators say there appears to be an opinion in many quarters that present rates, all conditions considered, are too high.

One feature of the subject is brought forth in the territorial treasurer's biennial report in his statement that statistics show policyholders in the islands receive back an average of \$13 for every \$100 paid the insurance concerns. The average return to policyholders on the mainland, he asserts, is \$40 to \$50 per \$100 paid out.

When the enactment of a law to regulate fire insurance rates was before the last legislature it was urged in opposition that this could not lawfully be done by the territory. Certain senators interested in the subject declare that this power is no longer in question, following a decision of the United States supreme court on April 20, 1914. In the case of the German Alliance Insurance Company versus Kansas, 24 U. S. Sup. Ct. Rep. 619, the court held that the business of fire insurance so far affects public interest that legislative regulation of its rates is justified.

"The effect of this decision," said a senator today, "clearly is to place fire insurance rates on the same basis as the rates of railroads, telephone, gas, light and other utility companies. The decision also makes a great advance in the position it takes in recognizing the fallacy of the anti-compact, anti-trust and other cooperative laws, and that the economical and efficient conduct of the business of insurance requires full cooperation between the companies."

MAYOR ENLARGES CITY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Realizing the enormous amount of legislation which is needed for Honolulu and which is being introduced before the legislature, Mayor John C. Lane has increased the number of supervisors on the legislative committee from three to five, the new members being Supervisors Ahia and Fanner. The other members are Supervisors Logan, Hollinger and Quinn.

A careful search is being made through the present laws with a view to having corrected any undesirable statutes. The growth of the city and county in late years and its acquisition of new property, such as the water and sewer works, has shown the need of several changes in the county act which was passed by the legislature of 1907.

One needed change was brought to the attention of Mayor Lane yesterday. Under a section of the county act all work of the city and county which will incur an expenditure of \$500 or more, except road work, must be done by contract.

As a great deal of the installation of water mains is to be done by the department itself it is proposed to amend this section to make this possible.

HEROES IN THE TRENCHES. PARIS, Feb. 18.—These men in the trenches must keep incessant vigilance against sudden attacks by the enemy. The men who serve the artillery fire day and night often times at an enemy that is never seen.

Medical science will save more lives this year than war will take, no matter how terribly murderous that war may be. These, too, the food supply is very carefully looked after by the commissariat. The food supply of the soldiers must be wholesome. Lying in the open air, the men are able to digest hard-baked with great relish. Napoleon said, "An army fights on its stomach." A man with a weak stomach is pretty sure to be a poor fighter. It is difficult—almost impossible—for anyone, man or woman, if digestion is poor, to succeed in business or socially—or to enjoy life. In tablet or liquid form, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery helps weak stomachs to strong, healthy action—helps them to digest the food that makes the good, rich, red blood which nourishes the entire body.

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PROBE WANTED BY COMPLAINANT

James C. Turner Sends Legislature a Petition Making Bitter Attack

An attack upon the Hilo Electric Light Company is expected on the floor of the house when a petition signed by James C. Turner, a competitor of the corporation, is presented before the session closes today.

Turner attacks the governor and the board of supervisors of the Big Island in a lengthy and bitter petition. He alleges that he formerly worked for the Hilo Electric Light Company installing fixtures and that later he resigned and branched out in the fixture supply and installation business. Since then, he states, the corporation has resorted to all methods imaginable to break him.

He declares that, to this end, the electric light company had the supervisors impose a malicious and unreasonable license for each and every fixture he installs. He says he complained to the governor and was referred by that official to the Hilo board of supervisors. This latter letter Turner calls a "joke" of the governor's and quotes the parable, "He asked for bread and they gave him a stone," in commenting on the governor's letter. It may presage another investigation on the Big Island.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Mayor Lane and Supervisor Hollinger were interested visitors at the opening session of the house yesterday.

Representative Kupieha has introduced a measure to provide payment at the rate of 25 cents per hour for laborers in the public employ at Hilo, Hawaii. It has passed first reading.

W. H. Crawford, representative from Oahu, would further limit the authority of policemen to make arrests without warrants. He has introduced a bill towards this end in the lower branch of the legislature.

No one can accuse Representative Kupieha of attempting to steal other people's thunder. Kupieha introduced the initiative, referendum and recall bill prepared by the late J. M. Poepoe without removing the dead legislator's signature.

In the midst of opportunity and to avoid confusion it is understood the senate of the present legislature will not originate nearly so many bills as before, leaving that duty to the lower house and dealing with those subjects only after they have come over from Representative hall.

That the license commission might have more power when attempting to determine conditions existing at places licensed to do business a bill has been introduced by Representative Crockett to grant the commission the power to subpoena witnesses under oath. This is aimed directly at applicants for liquor licenses, it has been asserted.

Biennial reports of territorial department heads began piling up on the solons' desks today. The first, that of the superintendent of public works, appeared yesterday. It was followed today by those of the chief justice of the supreme court and the treasurer, while the governor's message was added to the list of formal documents yesterday afternoon.

To minimize the necessity for traffic laws, and the danger of automobile accidents there is talk of a measure requiring all motor car drivers to file a substantial bond before receiving their licenses. It is said similar legislation is being discussed in the New York state assembly. It is argued that irresponsible chauffeurs would be largely eliminated, and those remaining, who have to pay heavy fees to bonding companies, would exercise far greater vigilance.

Speaker Holstein introduced a new and commendable feature today in the form of a small, neat volume bound in book form, entitled "House Rules and Manual." It contains all rules and regulations for procedure, is elaborately indexed and right up to date, carrying even the correct list of committees for the 1915 session. About all the information to be had concerning the work of the representatives is to be found on its pages. A copy appeared this morning on the desk of every representative and senator, with the recipient's name nicely engraved on the cover.

Partisanship fights, if there are any, will occur only in the senate where the "respectable minority," as Senator Wirtz put it yesterday, comprises seven of the 15 members, with W. T. Robinson of the Republican side apparently inclined to hold aloof from his party friends. Democratic members say they are standing close to the governor, and should the chief executive have occasion to veto any legislative measure which the Republican senators favor the upper branch may encounter serious difficulty in an effort to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority to override the governor's veto.

That the capitol, judiciary building, archives, armory, all the expensive territorial wharves and the 187 school buildings of the territory are without insurance protection from fire or other

COMMITTEES IN SENATE DELAYED BY THE MINORITY

Democrats Have Hard Time Deciding on Their Men for Judiciary Committee

Failure of the Democrats to agree among themselves upon their minority membership on the judiciary committee of the senate delayed announcement of the senate committees until this morning, according to a story going the rounds of the capitol.

It is said that the Democrats agreed that Coke should be one of their two members on the judiciary committee and had a hard time deciding on the other as between Senators Metzger and Makekau. The latter was a member of the committee last session but Metzger is credited with being anxious to hold down a place on this committee, which is one of the hardest-worked and most important of the upper house.

Metzger was finally placed on the committee and Castle, chairman, Penhallow and Desha are the Republicans.

Shortly after the senate convened this morning President Chillingworth announced the roster of standing committees. The first named in the list below are the chairmen:

Ways and Means—Rice, Baldwin, Quinn, Makekau and Laukae.
Judiciary—Castle, Penhallow, Desha, Coke and Metzger.
Public Lands—Baldwin, Desha and Metzger.
Education—Penhallow, Rice, Baker, Printing and Enrolment—Robinson, Quinn, Mikalee.

Accounts—Quinn, Wirtz, Robinson, Health—Desha, Baldwin, Baker.
Military—Coke, Penhallow and Baker.

Promotion—Penhallow, Castle, Laukae.

Rules—Rice, Castle, Mikalee.

JAPANESE TRIED AS PANDERS GET NINE-YEAR TERM

Nagata and Uyeda, Japanese indicted by the territorial grand jury on a charge of having contributed to the delinquency of two Japanese girls, each under 16 years old, today were sentenced by Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford to each serve nine years in Oahu prison at hard labor.

"I have never yet imposed the maximum penalty upon any prisoner," said the court in pronouncing sentence, but went on to say that from the nature of the case he felt justified in imposing the nine-year penalty.

A Chinese named Yong pleaded guilty to a charge of a statutory offense against the older of the girls. He turned state's evidence and was given a suspended sentence of 13 months. Captain C. D. McElroy, who arrested the defendants, said on the witness stand that the defendants turned over to him \$5.75 which they said had been "earned by the girls."

Attorney A. L. C. Atkinson, representing the defendants, received an emphatic negative answer from Judge Ashford when he asked that an order be issued clearing the court room. The nature of the case was such that he did not believe women and others should be permitted to hear the evidence, Attorney Atkinson explained. Judge Ashford said that no matter what kind of a case was being tried, the public always was welcome to his court room.

"There is the door," said the court. "Persons not desiring to hear any part of cases tried here are free to depart."

FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO REPORT TOMORROW

The federal grand jury will return a partial report at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, according to a statement made today by Assistant U. S. Attorney J. Wesley Thompson. This report may bring the work of the jury to an end.

The following cases brought before the U. S. commissioner within the last two months, are believed to have been investigated by the grand jury:

John McGrath, opium; Edward Hunt, opium; Lee T. P. opium; Fong On, opium; M. G. Silva and Esther K. Medina, statutory; David Panekapu, liquor; Soo Ung, opium; Yokoro Morikawa, statutory; Lum Cheon, opium; Yong Tai Kee, opium; William Garzia and Cruito Perez Reyes, statutory; Chun Man Noon, opium; Palenapa Likello, statutory; James B. Howard, statutory; Robert Holborn, statutory; Robert Leeton, statutory.

The schooner James Tuft is discharging nitrates at Kahului, Maui, according to a report from officers in the steamer Claudine.

A catastrophe was the surprising disclosure made by the governor in his initial message to the new legislature yesterday. Should any of these structures be destroyed the territory would be forced to withstand the entire loss and dig deep into an already pinched purse to replace them. As a result of the governor's information steps likely will be taken to fill this serious breach, either by providing for a sinking fund in the form of territorial insurance or by obtaining policies in recognized insurance companies.

KUPIHEA TO ASK JUDGE'S CHARGES BE INVESTIGATED

Representative Says He Should Not Be Blamed for Delinquency of Girls

Representative D. M. Kupieha, the lone Democratic member of the house, announced this morning that he will ask for a legislative investigation of the recent action of Circuit Judge Ashford in blaming him for the delinquency of his daughter and niece.

As published in the Star-Bulletin several days ago, the judge, in suspending sentence on two soldiers found in company with the girls, severely condemned Kupieha, though not mentioning him by name, saying that he had so conducted his home as to make it virtually a disorderly house and charging, in effect, that the girls, one a daughter and the other a niece of Kupieha, went astray because of the surroundings encouraged by Kupieha.

"I want to deny everything the judge said. I am going to ask for a legislative investigation," said Kupieha today. "The facts are not truly set forth. My daughter is not staying at my own home but at a house in which I have a half-interest and my sister the other half. My daughter was disobedient and I fired her out. The house where the trouble took place is separate from my own home.

"As to the charges that I am running a disorderly house, it is untrue. I am a caterer and on Saturdays buy Hawaiian delicacies for luaus but I do not give many of them. It is none of my business if the people who come to these luaus bring beer, etc.

"I am not a gambler or a habitual drunkard. I can't watch this other house and my daughter is evilly influenced by her sisters. The judge said unfair things and I want it investigated."

DAILY REMINDERS

"Let's have lunch at the Sweet Shop."

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The new spring millinery at Milton & Parsons is being very favorably received. The styles are very artistic.

"Going to market?" "More than that—I'm going to the Clean Market—C. Y. Hop Wo's, opposite the Fishmarket."

Show the Carnival spirit by sending greetings to friends on the other islands via Mutual wireless. Office in Adams lane. Phone 1374.

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PASSENGERS BOOKED

Per stmr. W. G. Hall, for Kauai ports Feb. 18.—H. F. Grote, P. Fitzgibbon.

Per stmr. Mauna Loa, for Kona and Kau ports Feb. 18.—Miss Hattie Parker Walpa, C. H. Greer, D. T. Fleming.

Per stmr. Mauna Kea, for Hilo and way ports Feb. 20.—L. Weinheimer, Capt. Chamberlain, Capt. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Gelstherdt.

Schooner Bruce Escapes Storm.

The American schooner J. H. Bruce escaped the storm which for weeks has held vessels in the North Pacific in a vise-like grip. Captain N. C. Rosch reported light winds after leaving the Sound. The Bruce, with 600,000 feet of lumber supplied at Tacoma, arrived early today. The vessel was 26 days in completing the trip. The lumber is consigned to Lee Chew company. It will be discharged to permit an early despatch of the vessel for the North Pacific.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 1, U. S. W. V., meets this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Honolulu Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., holds stated meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The territorial grand jury is meeting this afternoon in the Judiciary building.

Regular meeting of Phoenix lodge this evening in hall, corner of Fort and Beretania streets.

The members of the auxiliary of St. Andrew's cathedral branch will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the guild hall, for the Lenten sewing.

The commissioners of education will meet on March 1 in the Judiciary building to discuss needed legislation for the department of public instruction.

The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will give a popular concert in Cooke Hall at 8 o'clock tonight. The program is for members and their friends and ladies are to be the guests.

Anyone having finished work for St. Clement's Red Cross center is requested to send it in by noon tomorrow, as the packing for the first shipment is to be done Friday.

The case of the Honolulu Athletic Park Company, Ltd., vs. H. G. Lowry et al will be up for argument in the supreme court next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The case is an appeal from the judge of the first circuit.

Proposed legislative bills were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Civic Federation in Cooke hall, Y. M. C. A., last night. The committee will meet weekly while the legislature is in session. Judge A. D. Larnach presided.

The meeting of the committee in charge of the international dinner to be given by the Y. M. C. A. will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. The committee is composed of men from the Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Korean, Portuguese, Filipino and American races.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Blake Lewis, who died at the Queen's hospital yesterday, were held at 10 o'clock this morning from the undertaking parlors of H. H. Williams, Dr. J. W. Wadman officiating. The remains were cremated and will be shipped to Boston for interment.

At a meeting of the Hawaiian Philatelic society in the University club last night the organization decided to continue and elected officers for the coming fiscal year as follows: Dr. W. T. Monismar, president; A. L. Mackaye, vice-president; A. C. O. Linne-mann, secretary, and E. H. Ehrhron, treasurer.

Lenten services at St. Clement's church will be held every morning at 9 o'clock, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, when evensong will be held at 7:30 o'clock. Holy communion at 9 o'clock every Thursday morning during Lent and also on all Holy Days. Cards, with a list of services, may be secured at the church.

That the creditor of a partnership can collect money due him from the firm, even though the purchases are made under the name of only one member of the partnership, is the purpose of a decision handed down late yesterday by the supreme court in the

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case of H. Hackfeld & Co. against K. Yamamoto. Hackfeld & Co. sold \$186.83 worth of goods to a firm conducting a boarding house and cigar store at Caster, Schofield Barracks, and later secured judgment against the partners in the district and circuit courts. The supreme court overrules defendant's exceptions to the circuit court's decree.

The records on reserved questions in the matter of the application of C. D. Pringle for a writ of mandamus against James Bicknell, auditor of the city and county, have been filed in the supreme court.

PERSONALITIES

BYRON K. BAIRD, collector of the port of Hilo, returned to Hilo on the steamer Wilhelmina last night, after assisting in the opium investigation here.

JACK LONDON, accompanied by Mrs. London, is bound for Honolulu on the Matsonia, due March 2. They will go to Hawaii to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Goodhue.

U. S. MARSHAL HOLOHAN, who arrived here Tuesday with William D'Esmond in custody, departed for a short visit to the volcano on the Wilhelmina last night.

MISS AMELIA BLOCK and Percy J. Levey, both of Honolulu, will be married in the Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Edwin E. Brace officiating. Following the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents in Hotel street.

PRINTING BILLS WILL BE CUT BY SENATE

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East Hawaii, offered four measures, dealing with the expenditure of public money, creating the department of territorial comptroller to take the place of the present bank examiner, now vested in the treasurer; prescribing the duties of the chairman of the board of supervisors of Hawaii county.

DOES YOUR STOMACH CONTAIN A GLASSFUL OF ACID?

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If you held a teaspoonful of hydrochloric acid in your mouth for only a second you would not be surprised at its burning and inflaming all the tissues; yet an eminent specialist states that 90 out of 100 dyspeptics go about with an excessive amount of this powerful acid in their stomachs, and then wonder what causes the burning and aching and why they suffer the discomfort after meals. To put whole some food into an acid stomach only increases the discomfort, because the acid mixes with the fresh food and

turns it sour, making a lot more acid. The acid condition causes food fermentation, which irritates, distends and inflames the tender stomach lining, and it is not surprising that specialists say acid stomachs are dangerous. This decidedly dangerous and uncomfortable condition can be overcome either by following a strict diet or, and this is far easier and more quickly effective, by taking a teaspoonful of bisaturated magnesia in a quarter glassful of water after meals to neutralize the acidity. The latter course is much more satisfactory because it corrects the acidity and banishes discomfort without any need for diet. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Chambers Drug Co. and Hollister Co.—Adv.

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